in principle to increase bilateral trade particularly in the private sector. Other subjects discussed related to economic cooperation, exchange of visits by delegation of industrialists and businessmen and possibility of establishing joint ventures.

(b) Details will be discussed at subsequent meetings to be held shortly including the next meeting of the sub-Commission on Trade formed under Indo-Pak Joint Commission and due to be held next month.

(c) The process of establishing facilities to introduce direct dialling between the two countries in progressing apace and when the facilities are fully established, direct dialling would be initiated. As far as a new airline to knit all important regional centres in the South Asia is concerned, as this proposal also involves participation by countries other than India and Pakistan, the matter will have to be discussed in the appropriate forum.

(d) A number of high level meetings are taking/scheduled to take place. The four Sub-Commissions under the Indo-Pak Joint commission are due to meet next month.

Expeditions to the Antarctica

2502. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any programme has been drawn up by Government for further expeditions to the Antarctica; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) The Government has constituted a high level Committee to draw up a detailed programme for Antarctic research. The fifth expedition was launched on 30-11-85.

T. V. manufacture

2503. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have allowed the multi-nationals and large houses to enter into the field of television manufacture ;

(b) whether Government have studied the implications of their decision ; and

(c) the steps that have been taken to safeguard the interests of the small sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) There is a proposal to bring the policy regarding manufacture of television in line with that applicable to other electronics products, as per Policy Statement of 21st March, 1985.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The proposal takes into account interest of the small scale sector.

Longer Term Plan

2504. SHRI L. GANESAN :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister has asked the Planning Commission to prepare a 15-20 year plan:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof : and

(c) by when such a plan is likely to be submitted ?